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1. FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTS SOMEWHAT INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REF-
TEL B, CONCERNING THE LONG-TERM TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN POLAND
AND SWEDEN COVERING THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1978 TO DECEMBER 31,
1982 SIGNED IN WARSAW BY POLISH PREMIER PIOTR JAROSZEWICZ AND
SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER THORBJORN FALLDIN DURING LATTER'S OFFICIAL
VISIT IN POLAND FROM APRIL 12 TO APRIL 15. THE AGREEMENT
SUPERSEDES THE LONG-TERM TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN POLAND AND

SWEDEN OF OCTOBER 25, 1972. THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE VERSION OF THE TEXT IS BEING FORWARDED SEPERATELY TO THE DEPARTMENT.

2. ACCORDING TO THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT, THE GOVERNMENTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES SHALL, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN FORCE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES, FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE OF GOODS AND SERVICES BETWEEN THEM TO THEIR MUTUAL ADVANTAGE, AND ENDEAVOR TO REDUCE OR PROGRESSIVELY ELIMINATE ALL OBSTACLES TO THE FREE EXCHANGE OF GOODS AND SERVICES. BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE ALSO PLEDGED TO GRANT EACH OTHER MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT WITH RESPECT TO CUSTOMS DUTIES AND OTHER CHARGES, AS WELL AS TO THE RULES AND FORMALITIES CONNECTED WITH THE EXPORTATION AND IMPORTATION OF COMMODITIES. ALL PAYMENTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE TO BE EFFECTED IN FREELY CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS AND EXCHANGE CONTROL REGULATIONS IN FORCE IN THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES.

3. IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT THE NEW AGREEMENT OBLIGES THE GOVERNMENTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO REFRAIN FROM TAKING ANY ACTION OR IMPOSING ANY RESTRICTIONS AFFECTING SHIPPING ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE, PARTICULARLY SUCH ACTION AS WOULD TEND TO HINDER PARTICIPATION OF THE SHIPPING OF EITHER FLAG IN SUCH TRADE. THIS REFERS TO PAST UNDERSTANDING THAT POLISH FLAG VESSELS CARRY ALL CARGOS TO POLAND FROM SWEDEN, AND APPEARS TO BE A GAIN FOR SWEDISH SHIPPING.

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